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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS

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1. DETAILS OF INCIDENT REPORTED REFTEL REMAIN FRAGMENTARY..
CHURCH INVOLVED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROK AS DISTINCT FROM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KOREA. DATE OF INCIDENT REPORTED
VARIOUSLY AS ANYWHERE FROM AUGUST 8 TO 10. NUMBER OF DETAINEES
ALSO VARIES WITH REPORTS BUT RECENT ESTIMATES ARE ELEVEN.
DETENTIONS APPARENTLY HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER PERIOD OF
2 OR 3 DAYS.

2. AT THE MOMENT PICTURE OF INCIDENT AS FOLLOWS: MISSION
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROK IN SOUTH
CHOLLA PREPARED STATEMENT JOINTLY IN WHICH THEY EXPRESSED SUPPORT
FOR MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS AND CALLED FOR REPEAL OF YUSHIN
CONSTITUTION AND EMERGENCY MEASURES. TEXT OF STATEMENT
NOT YET AVAILABLE. STATEMENT WAS PRESENTED TO PASTORS
ATTENDING REGIONAL MEETING OF PRESBYTERS IN KWANGJU. GUIDING
SPIRIT BEHIND INCIDENT ALLEGED TO BE UN MYONG-KI, PASTOR OF
YANGLING CHURCH. POLICE ACTION REPORTEDLY AIMED AT HIM AND
GROUP WHO PREPARED STATEMENT.

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3. USIS SOURCES REPORT THAT DETAINED INCLUDE PASTORS UM MYONG-KI, KO MIN-YOUNG, YI HAN-CHUL, KANG SHIN-KYU, ELDER YI SONG-HAK, AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF KWANGJU YMCA PAK CHAE-HUNG. ANOTHER SOURCE HAS MENTIONED SEIZURE OF UM, BUT DETENTION OF OTHERS NOT YET CONFIRMED.

4. KIM TAE-JUNG'S SECRETARY (EX GDS) REPORTS THAT ONE OF THE PASTORS HAS BEEN CHARGED. THIS HAS ALSO NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF U.S. DOMESTIC PRESS PLAY, AND U.S. PUBLIC REACTION. EMBASSY CONTINUES EFFORTS TO PIECE FACTS SURROUNDING CASE TOGETHER. GIVEN POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTION TO INCIDENT BY INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. PUBLIC OPINION, EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION AS SITUATION DEVELOPS.
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